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Maximum permitted stacking load of IBC

Transmitted by the International Confederation of Plastics Packaging Manufacturers (ICPP)*

Introduction

1. With informal document INF 22 (52nd session) in November 2017, ICPP raised the issue of a misunderstanding in 6.5.2.2.2 regarding what constitutes transportation of an IBC when considering the use of the symbol in figure 6.5.1, or figure 6.5.2. Taking into account the comments of the discussion in November the expert from Sweden and ICPP have prepared the following proposal.

2. The first sentence of 6.5.2.2.2 reads as follows: "The maximum permitted stacking load applicable when the IBC is in use shall be displayed on a symbol as shown in Figure 6.5.1 or Figure 6.5.2.". The phrase "in use" in conjunction with stacking of IBCs has been occasionally misinterpreted in practice, the restriction for stacking of IBCs displayed on the symbol would be also relevant for such activities of IBCs, e.g. en route warehousing. To reduce such misinterpretations in future, it is proposed to delete the phrase "when the IBC is in use".

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2017–2018 approved by the Committee at its eighth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100, paragraph 98 and ST/SG/AC.10/44, para. 14).

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Proposal

3. Amend the first sentence of 6.5.2.2.2 to read as follows: "The maximum permitted stacking load shall be displayed on a symbol as shown in Figure 6.5.1 or Figure 6.5.2."